



PATHWAYS^{to} POTENTIAL

Helping everyone find a pathway to
their fullest potential

The Beginning

- Started in 2012.
- Gov. Snyder's mission to meet Michiganders' unique needs to achieve self-sufficiency.
- Person-centered services.
- Gov. Snyder asked MDHHS to reduce truancy in 4 highest crime cities in Michigan: Detroit, Flint, Pontiac and Saginaw.
 - Launched in 21 schools.
- Targets five outcome areas: attendance, education, health, safety and self-sufficiency.

Pathways Workers

- A MDHHS worker (success coach) placed at a school where high number of families already receiving assistance.
 - Work with principals, social workers, attendance agents and teachers.
 - Monitor attendance.
 - Address barriers.
- Greater, easier access to clients.
 - Mobile, goes where the client is (including home visits).
- Work one-on-one with families to identify and remove barriers and connect them to network of services.
 - Goal: to have clients become more self sufficient.
- Work with students, families and community.

Team Approach

- Quick identification of issues preventing attendance.
- Barriers include:
 - Lack of school uniform.
 - Lack of alarm clock.
 - Caregiver suffering from severe mental health issues.
 - Homelessness.
- Provide resources so students show up ready and able to learn each day.

Community Schools

- Success coach works with Community School Coordinator.
 - Resources for entire school, not just MDHHS clients.
- Community becomes actively involved in school.
 - Ensures resources for students to succeed.
- Identification of trends in barriers.
 - Mobilization of the community to fill gaps in resources.
- Currently 24 Pathways schools with Community School Model in place.

Yearly Expansion

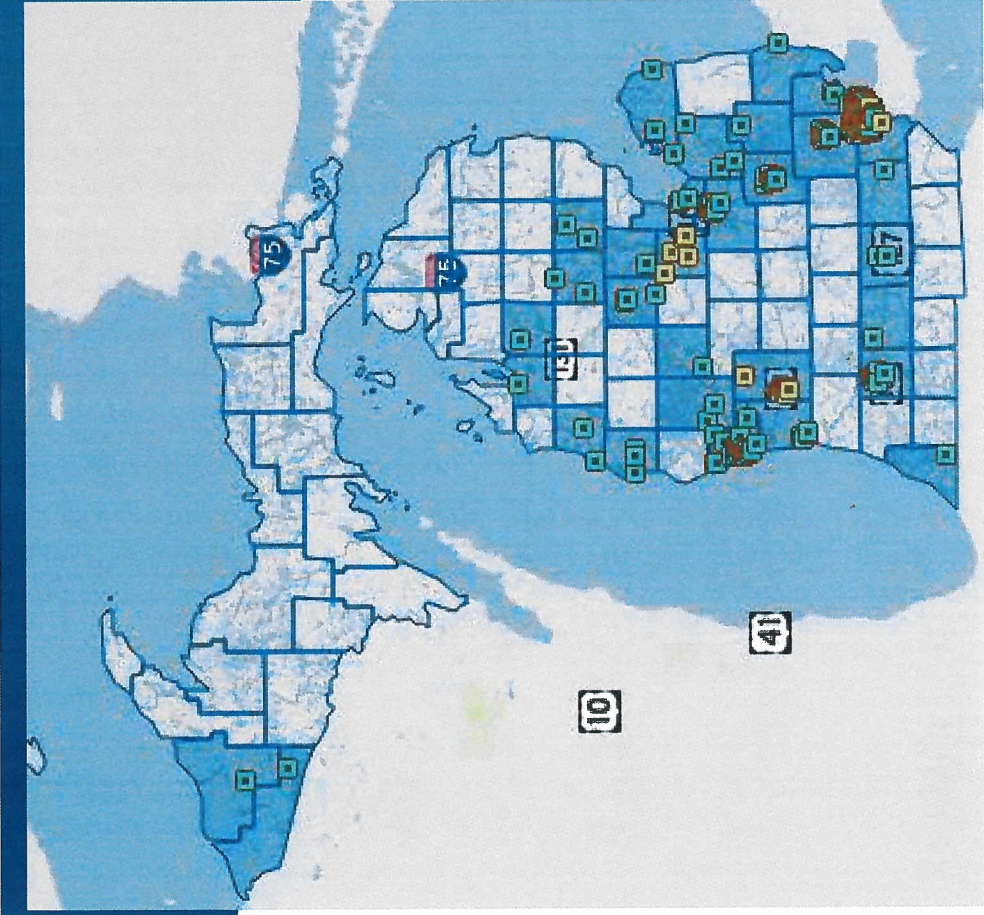
- End of 2012-2013 school year:
 - 124 schools in 4 cities.
 - Reduced truancy by 9%.
- End of 2013-2014 school year:
 - 170 schools across the state.
 - Reduced chronic absenteeism by 34%.
- End of 2014-2015 school year:
 - 219 schools across the state.
 - Reduced chronic absenteeism by 37%.
- Currently in 250 schools in 32 counties:
 - Including 2 in Western Upper Peninsula.
 - 15 Focus schools.
 - 72 Priority schools.

Current Partnerships and Initiatives

- Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS): accepts referrals of students in high school and their families.
- Michigan Career and Technical Institute (MCTI): programs and customized training sessions with MDHHS and Michigan Works! for Certified Nursing Assistant program.
 - Future expansion to include welding program.
- MRS/Department of Natural Resources Youth Summer Employment: MDHHS provided an 8 week summer work experience for Pathways/transition youth at a DNR site.
- Wayne State University Center for Urban Studies and Michigan Community Service Commission/AmeriCorps for youth summer employment and intensive mentoring pilot in Detroit, Pontiac, Flint and Saginaw with 9 community partners.

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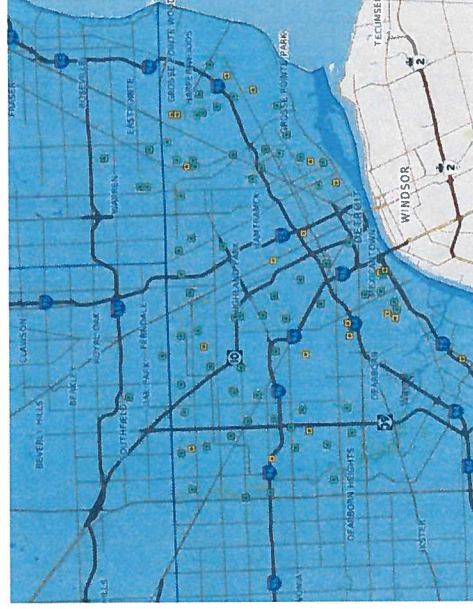
- Currently delivering statewide Barrier Removal and Restorative Justice training to all workers stationed in the schools.
- Race to the Top through Michigan Department of Education is providing resources for barriers related to childcare as well as children ages birth – 5 years old.
- Transitions To Success: developing an assessment to assist clients with their particular needs, focusing on basic needs being met initially.
- School Justice Partnership and the School to Prison Pipeline.
- Providing Strengthening Families trainings to all success coaches.



Where We Are

32 Counties
250 Schools
15 Focus schools
72 Priority schools

Greater Detroit Area



More Information:

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